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A scaffolding member (20) formed of reinforced plastic material with appropriate levels of strength and stiffness. The scaffolding member (20) has a gripping surface on the external periphery thereof, preferably although not exclusively formed by the application of a layer of sand (34). A method of forming the scaffolding member (20) is also described. A scaffolding member (20) includes a substrate layer (22) having one or more protrusions (24). An outer layer (26, 28 or 32) is adhered to the substrate layer to form one or more nodes (40) at the external periphery by the presence of the one or more protrusions (24). A structural member (20) may be formed of reinforced plastics material wound to define one or more nodes (40) at the external periphery thereof.

